

ICITAP Presents Senior Criminal Justice Executive Program in Bangkok

ICITAP presented Section XI of the International Law Enforcement Academy's (ILEA's) Senior Criminal Justice Executive Program (SCJEP) at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, during the week of August 18-22, 2003. This ILEA SCJEP session focused on community policing. Twenty-four participants, representing nine countries, attended. In addition to U.S. Department of Justice facilitators, guest presenters from Ghana, Canada, Japan, Russia, the Philippines, and the United States shared their personal experiences and expertise. During the program, participants examined the philosophy and core components of community policing and their own relationship to the acceptance and success of community policing endeavors.

ICITAP Technical Advisor to Work with Johannesburg Metropolitan Police

ICITAP recently deployed a technical advisor to Johannesburg, South Africa, to work with the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD). The JMPD has only been in existence since March 31, 2001, and needs assistance in developing standard operating procedures, preparing job task analyses, and integrating its work with the South African Police Service (SAPS), which is the national law enforcement organization in South Africa. ICITAP's technical advisor will assist in these institutional development efforts and will offer recommendations on best law enforcement practices to senior officials of the JMPD. The technical advisor will remain in-country to provide assistance from August 2003 until August 2004.

ICITAP Colombia Begins New Training Program

On August 18, 2003, ICITAP began an intensive training program to educate the Colombian Judicial Police on pertinent aspects of Colombia's new accusatory trial system, brought about by recent judicial code reforms. The training will educate the Judicial Police on proper procedures and techniques for a variety of police functions, as well as the best methods for introducing various forms of evidence in court. "Mock trial" practical exercises are planned to enhance the training. A train-the-trainer approach will be implemented, in order to prepare for an eventual hand-off of the training to an all-Colombian training team. ICITAP anticipates training approximately 10,000 Colombian Judicial Police Officers from now through the end of FY04.

ICITAP Donations Used to Identify Suspected Murderer

ICITAP recently received news that forensic equipment donated by ICITAP to the forensics lab used by the Colombian National Police (CNP) was used to help identify the primary suspect in the murder of four-year-old Karen Vanessa Vargas in Colombia. DNA tests conducted with equipment donated through ICITAP, confirmed police suspicions that Oscar Fernando Castro Pulido was linked to Vargas's death. The CNP, working with the National Security Administration (DAS) and the investigative branch of the Attorney General's Office, had considered Castro Pulido the primary suspect in the case since soon after the crime occurred, in late January 2003. The DNA tests recently

provided the evidence needed to arrest Castro Pulido in connection with the murder of Karen Vanessa Vargas.